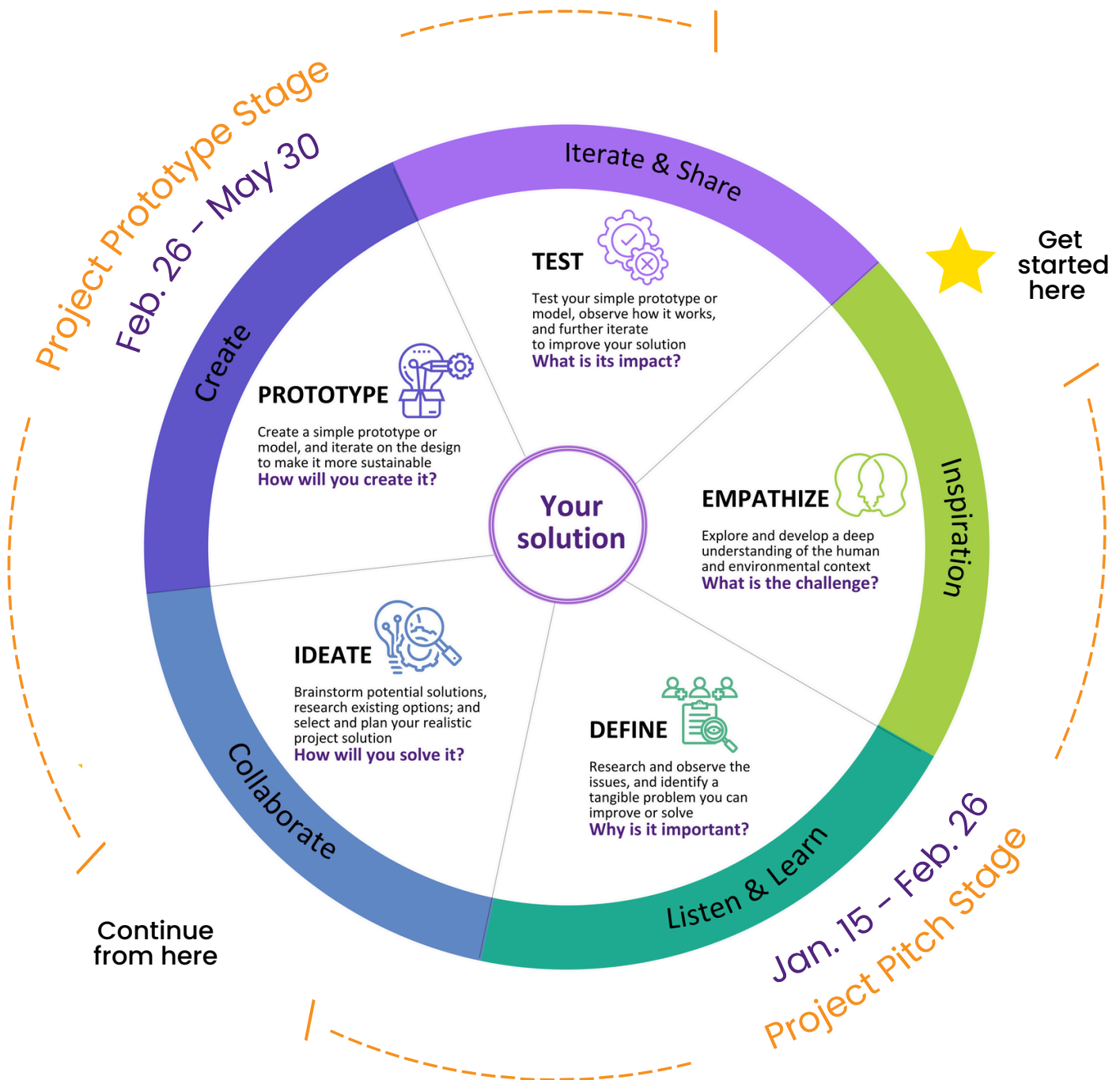


Ideate – Collaborate – Create – Iterate

What are the biggest challenges we are facing in our world,
and how can we use tech to address them?

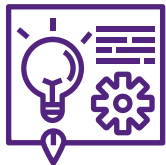


We all can make a difference.
We are all responsible for our communities and environment.

Project Timeline

Throughout the Tech Futures Challenge, there are workshops, mentoring sessions, activities and events to support your project journey.

Here are the key TFC dates in 2026:



TFC Kick-Off Event

January 15, 5:00–6:00pm MST, online

- > Confirm team participation by **Jan 14**



Pitch Video Mentoring Session

February 2–20, online

- > Confirm session time with MindFuel



Pitch Video

Pitch Video Competition

February 26, online

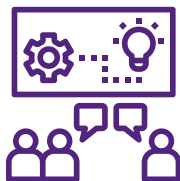
- > Submit pitch video to team profile
- > Submit seed funding form, **up to \$2,500 per team**



Project Development Workshop

March 7–8, Life Sciences Innovation Hub (Calgary, AB)

- > Pitch Celebration, **awards total \$3,000**
- > Confirm team participation by **Feb 21**



Prototype Mentoring Sessions

March – May, online or in-person

- > Confirm sessions with 3 different TFC mentors
- > Confirm team participation in MVP Spotlights sessions

Showcase



Prototype Showcase

May 30, in-person

- > Prototype Showcase, **awards total \$10,000**
- > Submit prototype video to team profile by **May 28**



Project Support

To bring a project idea to life needs all sorts of support, technology and materials. Throughout the Tech Futures Challenge, there are opportunities for ongoing mentoring support and seed funding.

Here's what and how to receive them:

Mentoring Support



Pitch Video Mentor Session

Feb. 2 – Feb. 20

- Meet for 1 mentoring session with a MindFuel mentor on your project idea and pitch, before your team submits your Pitch Video

Prototype Mentoring

March – May

- Reach out and meet with 3 different TFC mentors via C2I to accelerate your project development
- Join MVP Spotlights where mentors share their stories to guide you through rapid iterating and prototyping

Seed-Funding



Seed funding application

February 26

- Max \$2,500 per team on items purchased to develop and advance your project. Purchase receipts may be from Jan. 16 – May 15, 2026
- Submit Applications with Pitch Video Submission
- All receipts are due May 15, 2026

For any questions, please email challenge@mindfuel.ca

Sharing projects and celebrating the teams is always a highlight of the Tech Futures Challenge. Teams have the opportunity to win awards based on their project development, implementation of the design thinking process, and innovative usage of science and tech. The awards are aligned with the project rubrics, and are determined with the guidance from our mentor judges.

Available Awards

Pitch Video Competition – February 26, 2026



Pitch Video



- Best Pitch **\$1,500**
- Runner-up Pitch **\$1,000**
- Most Impactful Story **\$500**

Prototype Showcase – May 30, 2026



- Best Prototype **\$5,000**
- Runner-up Prototype **\$2,500**
- Most Iterative Project **\$1,000**
- Most Tangible Next Steps **\$1,000**
- People's Project Choice **\$500**